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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 MIGUEL ANGEL CONTRERAS,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 SYED H. AHMED; EFRAIN A.  
15 GUERRERO; JOSE A. ROCAMORA;  
16 MAHOMED J. SULIMAN; JOHN P.  
17 SULLIVAN; JOHN WILLIAMS; HOSPICE  
18 OF YUMA, INC.; CAROL DAVIS; ERIKA  
19 MARTINEZ; YUMA REGIONAL  
20 MEDICAL CENTER,

21 Defendants.

CASE NO. 10-CV-1272-IEG (AJB)

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
APPOINT COUNSEL**

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22 Plaintiff Miguel Angel Contreras (“Plaintiff”) proceeding pro se has filed a Complaint for civil  
23 rights violations pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, along with a motion to appoint counsel.<sup>1</sup> (Doc. Nos.  
24 1 & 2.) Plaintiff requests the Court appoint an attorney for him who specializes in wrongful death  
25 and medical malpractice. For the reasons stated herein, the Court DENIES Plaintiff’s motion to  
26 appoint counsel.

27 The Constitution provides no right to appointment of counsel in a civil case unless an indigent  
28 litigant may lose his physical liberty if he loses the litigation. Lassiter v. Dept. of Social Servs., 452  
U.S. 18, 25 (1981). Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), however, district courts are granted discretion to

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<sup>1</sup>Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint on June 21, 2010.

